

**CLEAN WATER ACT**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water held hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule regarding total maximum daily loads and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit programs pursuant to the Clean Water Act, receiving testimony from J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Montana Governor Marc Racicot, Helena; Jamie Clover Adams, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture; William Nielsen, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National League of Cities; J. David Holm, Colorado Water Quality Control Division, Denver, on behalf of the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators; Warren E. Archey, Massachusetts Bureau of Forestry, Pittsfield, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; and Richard A. Parrish, Southern Environmental Law Center, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

**CHECHNYA**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the current conflict, focusing on the conduct of the Russian government, and the implications for the United States, after receiving testimony from Karen Koning AbuZayd, Regional Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Thomas A. Dine, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Inc., and Peter Bouckaert, Human Rights Watch, all of Washington, DC.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of N. Cinnamon Dornsife, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador, and Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs.

**CUBA'S GOVERNMENT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of Cuba's oppressive government on its citizens and the current plight of Elian Gonzalez, after receiving testimony from Mel R. Martinez, Orange County, Florida; Alina Fernandez, Spain; Juan Carlos Formell, Queens, New York; Marisleyis Gonzalez, and Manual Gonzalez, both of Miami, Florida; Walter Benda, Children's Rights Council, Max Meadows, Virginia; and K.A. Paul, Global Peace Initiative, Houston, Texas.

**CONTRACTUAL MANDATORY BINDING ARBITRATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded hearings to examine contractual mandatory binding arbitration issues, after receiving testimony from Richard D. Holcomb, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, Richmond; Gene N. Fondren, Texas Automobile Dealers Association, Austin, on behalf of the Automotive Trade Association Executives; Jill Lajdziak, Saturn Corporation, Troy, Michigan; Jill MacDonald, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Patricia Sturdevant, National Association of Consumer Advocates, Eric Mogilnicki, American Bankers Association and Consumer Bankers Association, and Lawrence Lorber, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, DC; Lewis Maltby, National Workrights Institute, Inc., Princeton, New Jersey; and William Shack, Henderson, Nevada.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee met and began markup of S. 2, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 53 public bills, H.R. 3767–3819; 2 private bills, H.R. 3820–3821; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 89; H. Con. Res. 259–260, and H. Res. 429–430, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 5, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age, amended (H. Rept. 106–507); and

H.R. 3615, to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to ensure improved access to the signals of local television stations by multichannel video providers to all households which desire such service in unserved and underserved rural areas by December 31, 2006, amended (H. Rept. 106–508 part 1).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative LaHood to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act:** The House passed H.R. 5, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age by a yea and nay vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 27.

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Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent to consider the bill in the House and that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill be considered as adopted.

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**Iran Nonproliferation Act:** The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1883, to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran certain goods, services, or technology by a yea and nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 28—clearing the measure for the President.

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Earlier, agreed by unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table H.R. 1883 with Senate amendments thereto and to consider in the House a motion to concur in the amendments.

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**Legislative Program:** Representative Cox announced the legislative program for the week of March 6.

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**Consideration of Suspensions:** The House agreed to H. Res. 425, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules on Wednesday, March 8, 2000.

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**Meeting Hour Monday, March 6:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Thursday, March 2, 2000, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 6.

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**Meeting Hour Wednesday, March 8:** Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 6, 2000, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business on Wednesday, March 8.

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**Quorum Calls Votes:** Two yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and

appear on pages H603 and H608–09. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Shirley R. Watkins, Under Secretary; and Rajen Anand, Executive Director, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

### COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, on the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Madeline K. Albright, Secretary of State; and William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce.

### DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2001 Department of Defense Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William S. Cohen, Secretary; and Gen. Henry Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Fry, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

### LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, the Fogarty International Center, the Human Genome Research Institute, and the National Eye Institute. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Gerald T. Keusch, M.D., Director, Fogarty International Center; Francis Collins, M.D.,